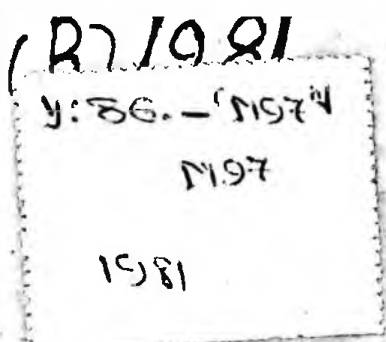


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" H. Lingaraj Urs, Durbar Buk-
shi.
[Vide G. O. No. 95-100, dated 4th
March 1897.]

1. Formation of Committee.—On the forenoon of Sunday the 28th February 1897, when the disastrous fire in the Mysore Palace broke out suddenly, prompt steps were taken to save the valuable jewellery by removing the same forthwith to the Summer Palace. During the confusion caused by the conflagration one of the Palace servants stealthily took possession of a valuable pearl necklace, which was subsequently recovered by the police. Her Highness the Maharani-Regent was, thereupon, pleased to order a special examination of the whole of the Palace Jewellery by a Committee composed of the officers named in the margin, to ascertain if the other jewels were all right.

2. Period of Examination.—The examination accordingly commenced on Friday the 5th March 1897 and was continued till the 25th of April 1897. The jewels, as they were examined by the Committee, were, from time to time, submitted for the personal inspection of Her Highness, and then replaced and secured in the temporary Jewel-Room, excepting such as were retained by Her Highness for current use. The silver things were ordered to be left in charge of the Controller of the Palace.

3. Submission of Daily Reports to Her Highness.—As the proceedings of each day's examination have been duly recorded in detail, and submitted daily to Her Highness, the Committee now beg to submit their *final* report, embodying the general results of the examination. In their proceedings of the 25th April last the Palace Controller was requested to furnish the Committee with information in regard to certain jewels which, though produced before the Committee, were, for want of identification and information as to the correct numbers they bore in the Controller's books, entered in Suspense Accounts as noted in the margin, and also on certain other points. The non-receipt of the required information in a complete form has, the Committee regret to say, delayed the submission of this report. The last return from the Controller was received only on the 25th instant.

	No. of items.
Ambavilas <i>amantli</i> jewels.	90
Javahirkhana do ...	156
Sannidhana do ...	231
	477

4. Value of old jewellery as per Col. Elliot's Inventory of 1868.—According to Col. Elliot's Inventory the total value of all the jewellery was

Rs. 35,06,153-12-0, which may be classified as shewn under:—

(a) Gold articles and Javahir or jewels set with precious stones ...	Rs. 31,56,227	a. 12	p. 0
(b) Gold and silver coins...	1,80,318	4	0
(c) Silver articles ...	1,69,609	12	0
Total ...	35,06,153	12	0

DEDUCT.

I. Amount paid into the Palace Treasury as per accounts of Ramakrishnappa (12-7-71)—
Vide entries in Vol. IX of Col. Elliot's Inventory, under "3 Iron safes":—

Company's Rupees ...	Rs. 1,35,286
Raja Rupees ...	17,336

1,52,622

II. Amount replaced and kept in Bokus, as per entry in Vol. XII, dated 24th December 1868, signed by Major Campbell, Officiating Superintendent ...

10,000

1,62,622 0 0

Balance ...33,43,531 12 0

This balance represents the total value of Javahir, gold and silver articles, and coins, which, as per entries contained in the 12 volumes of Col. Elliot's Inventory, were arranged according to the different Departments, Sannidhanams (Zenana rooms) and Bokuses (or Depositories) in which the jewels were secured as particularized below:—

	Names of Departments &c.	Gold articles and Javahir.	Coins.	Silver articles.	Total value.
1	General Jewellery Vols. I to V Nos. 1 to 796 ...	18,84,207 12 0			18,84,207 12 0
2	Ramavilas Sannidhanum Vols. V and VI Nos. 1 to 245 ...	3,62,675 0 0		837 12 0	3,63,512 12 0
3	Sitavilas Do Vol. VI Nos. 1 to 68 ...	62,856 0 0			62,856 0 0
4	First Bokus Thotty Sannidhanum Vols. VI & VII Nos. 1 to 106 ...	1,39,516 0 0		2,730 0 0	1,42,246 0 0
5	Chandravilas Sannidhanum Vol. VII Nos. 1 to 173 ..	3,17,340 0 0		6,840 0 0	3,24,180 0 0
6	Second Bokus Thotty Sannidhanum Vols. VII & VIII Nos. 1 to 49 ...	65,208 0 0		1,470 0 0	66,676 0 0
7	Kaman Thotty Sannidhanum Vol VIII Nos. 1 to 4 ...	1,485 0 0			1,485 0 0
8	Chamundy Thotty Vols. X to XII Nos. 1 to 515 + 2 additional items ...	1,97,506 0 0		53,469 0 0	2,50,975 0 0
9	Krishnavilas Sannidhanum Vol. XII Nos. 1 to 110 ...	1,24,566 0 0			1,24,566 0 0
10	Box B. Manovilas Sannidhanum Vol. VIII Nos. 1 to 124 ...	870 0 0		10,510 0 0	11,380 0 0
11	Gold coins—Vide entries in Vol. IX under "3 Iron Safes" (to be verified) ...		17,694 4 0		17,694 4 0
12	Zillo Cutcherry Vol. XII Nos. 1 to 9 ...	No value entered in accounts.			
13	Treasury Vols. XII Nos. 1 to 43 ...				
ALL SILVER.					
14	Box A Samukhada Thotty Vol. VIII Nos. 1 to 64 ...			4,953 0 0	4,953 0 0
15	" C do do 1 to 89 ...			7,333 0 0	7,333 0 0
16	" D do do 1 to 6 ...			340 0 0	340 0 0
17	" E do do 1 to 72 ...			7,954 0 0	7,954 0 0
18	" F Vol. IX No. 1 ...			11,280 0 0	
19	" G do 1 ...			167 0 0	
20	" H do 1 to 7 ...			48 0 0	
21	" I do 1 to 19 ...			1,042 0 0	27,673 0 0
22	" J do 1 to 28 ...			4,092 0 0	
23	" K do 1 to 25 ...			1,569 0 0	
24	Boxes L & M do 1 to 36 ...			8,481 0 0	
25	Aswadasala Vol. IX Nos. 1 to 36 ...			8,164 4 0	
26	Avasarada Hobli Vols. IX & X Nos. 1 to 104 ...			27,812 0 0	
27	Khas Bathroom Vol. X Nos. 1 to 21 ...			3,644 12 0	
28	Khas Samukha Vol. X Nos. 1 to 32 & Vol. XII Nos. 1 to 27 ...			5,783 0 0	45,500 0 0
29	Zillo Cutcherry Vol. XII Nos. 10 to 15 ...			96 0 0	
30	Killay Cutcherry Vol. XII No. 1 ...			No value entered in accounts.	
Total		31,56,227 12 0	17,694 4 0	1,69,609 12 0	33,43,531 12 0

5. Results of examination of old jewellery with a general abstract.—Out of 2,819 items included in Col. Elliot's Catalogue the Committee propose to deal first with the 1,741 Gold articles and Javahir.

These are valued at ...Rs. 31,56,227 12 0

DEDUCT.

* This amount does not include Rs. 6,826, being proportionate value of parts of jewels removed but not entered in the presentation list.

	Rs.	a.	p.
(a) Value of 18 items found missing during the examination of 1872, as per list No. 1 ...	5,360	0	0
(b) Value of 102 items shown as presented, as per list No. 2 ...	1,33,117	0	0
(c) Value of 191 items used for the preparation of other jewels and the Ambhari and cradle, as per lists Nos. 3 & 13 ...	2,48,780	0	0
(d) Value of 1,233 items produced before the Committee and identified, as per lists Nos. 4 and 12 ...	26,68,789	8	0
(e) Value of 58 items produced before the Committee but held in a Suspense Account for want of identification, and since identified, as per Controller's list No. 5, dated 12th July 1897 ...	48,504	0	0
(f) Value of 6 items not produced before the Committee, but ascertained to be with H. H. the Maharani-Regent, as per Ramakrishnappa's list dated 18th August 1897, (marked 5A) ...	11,690	0	0
(g) Value of 4 items not produced before the Committee but said to be with the lady of Kaman Thotty Sannidhanum..	1,485	0	0
(h) Value of 12 items of Box B, Manovilas Sannidhanum forthcoming ...	870	0	0
(i) Value of 31 items of Chamundy Thotty, forthcoming ...	11,244	0	0
Total No. of items 1,655	Total ...	31,29,819	8 0
	Balance ...	26,408	4 0

The 86 items wanting to make up the above balance, Rs. 26,408-4-0, are the following:—

General.

	No.		Rs.	a.	p.
Elliot's Vol. II.	149.	A pair of emerald 'Bugadi' with 28 emeralds and 200 pearls...	1,000	0	0
	152.	A pair of pearl 'Bugadi' having 7 kalasams with 22 small rubies, 289 pearls including those on Palpu and chain ...	600	0	0
	169.	A pair of 'Bendalay' containing 26 rubies and 4 diamonds with a string of 12 rubies and a string of 36 pearls ...	4,000	0	0
	233.	One Gadee set with 10 rubies, 4 emeralds, an emerald head, 4 diamonds and 12 pearls ...	350	0	0
Elliot's Vol. III.	258.	A diamond 'Hanay Bottu' having 9 diamonds and 12 pearls..	250	0	0
	347.	A pair of bracelets ornamented with flowers set with 96 diamonds with screws ...	2,000	0	0
	349.	A pair of 'Bobbarree Balays' set with 40 diamonds ...	1,500	0	0
	384.	Veera mudrikay, &c. being 5 pairs of toe-rings containing 100 diamonds and 80 pearls and set in them 6 emeralds and 8 rubies ...	1,700	0	0
	399.	A ruby ring having one ruby pea-shaped ...	500	0	0
	424.	A ring set with 3 pearls ...	200	0	0
	457.	A ring set with 5 diamonds and 6 rubies ...	300	0	0
	460.	A ring having the shape of a snake set with one cut-diamond and 2 small diamonds ...	100	0	0
	461.	A ring set with 11 cut-diamonds ...	200	0	0
	Part of 470.	One out of two diamond rings ...	80	0	0
Elliot's Vol. IV.	490.	One out of 2 cut-saphire rings ...	100	0	0
	484.	A ring set with 8 rubies and 1 emerald ...	15	0	0
	565.	Twenty-two (22) large rubies ...	2,100	0	0
	567.	Fifty-seven (57) emeralds w. 4½ tolas ...	2,000	0	0
	618.	One Chamaundeswari talli ...	...value not quoted		
	623.	A silver 'Gomukha' (a vessel resembling a cow's head) silver gilded with gold weighing 67½ tolas, kept in Ambavilas and received from Dr. Campbell ...	87	12	0
	635.	A silver 'Gunga-Yamuna (gold and silver work) cup for sandal, weighing 5¾ tolas ...	53	8	0
	725.	One pair of 'Puttee Padasara' full of gajjays (small gold beads) weighing 80½ tolas at Rs. 15 per tola ...	1,200	0	0
			18,316	4	0

Elliot's Vol. V.

Ramavilas Sannidhanum.

	Rs.	a.	p.
58. One pair of chains containing 16 rubies and 62 bunches of 248 pearls	700	0	0
60. One pair of emerald 'volay jimiki' (the drop of an ear-ring) containing 10 diamonds and 80 pearls	500	0	0
70. Two emerald 'moogoothies' (a large curved nose jewel) one set with diamonds, valued Rs. 60, and the other valued Rs. 50	110	0	0
71. Two pearl 'moogoothies' one valued Rs. 40, and the other Rs. 30.	70	0	0
100. Three pairs of 'Bajoo Bundoos' set with 120 diamonds and 100 small rubies	1,500	0	0
117. One pair of ruby 'Dorias' set with 92 rubies and 6 diamonds	2,200	0	0
152. Five pairs of 'Gajjay Pillies' (ring for the big toe ornamented with a little bell) having 4 rubies, weighing $32\frac{1}{4}$ tolas at Rs. 16.	512	0	0
	5,592	0	0

Elliot's Vol. VII.

First Bokus Thotty Sannidhanum.

61. One pair of 'Naga mooree,' (armlet) containing 16 rubies, 2 diamonds and 16 gold round bells weighing 52 tolas	800	0	0
	800	0	0

Chandravilas Sannidhanum.

67. One 'Gadee' (ornament worn on the right side of the nose) containing 3 rubies, 2 diamonds, 1 emerald, 9 pearls and 4 sundry pearls	300	0	0
102. One out of 2 diamonds 'karce manee butta thali saras' (a necklace of black beads with a small ornamented plate of gold) with accessories set with cut-diamonds and one ruby	1,200	0	0
	1,500	0	0

Krishnavilas Sannidhanum.

Elliot's Vol. XII.

21. One Kempina Heray Bottu (a semi-circular ornament for the forehead resembling the moon set with 19 rubies, 1 diamond and 1 pearl tassel)	100	0	0
45. A ring having image of Chamundeswari, set with rubies all round (rubies and emeralds)	100	0	0
	200	0	0

Zillo Cutcherry.

- Two rings with silver seals; of which one is a 'Zillo Cutcherry' ring, and the other 'Devaraja' seal.
- One 'Jomalay' sara (a gold necklace) with 28 gundus (gold ornamented beads) and black string, weighing 8 tolas.
- One pair of gold 'Volays' (females' ear-rings) with chains.
- One small gold bead (gundoo) weighing 1 fanam.
- One 'Hathu kadikina goodoo' (a hollow in an ear-ring for receiving a precious stone) and 'Haralu' (an inferior kind of stone.)
- One pair of 'Kempu Haralu Hathu Kadaka' (ear-rings with inferior red stones).
- One pair of small 'Vonty mooroo' (a kind of ear-ring worn on the tip of the ear).
- One single 'Jetty kondulu' (an ear-ring worn by the jetties or wrestlers).
- One paper parcel containing gold dust weighing about 2 fanams.

No value entered in Col. Elliot's accounts.

Treasury.

Elliot's Vol. XII.

1. One ring set with 4 rubies and 1 diamond.
Do 1 small diamond.
Do 3 rubies, one small emerald and also diamond.
Do 4 rubies and 1 emerald.
2. One diamond ring with 8 rubies, 4 diamonds and 2 emeralds.
One pearl 'moogoothi' (a semicircular nose jewel.)
3. Two small rubies.
4. Two Kantabharana (ornament for the neck) with rubies.
5. One pair of eyes with red blue stones.
6. One 'nama' having a ruby.
7. One 'guntoo' do
8. Two pairs of eye-brows having emerald.
9. Two flowers with an emerald in the middle and rubies all round.
10. Two feet with rubies.
11. Two 'Thilaka' (an ornament for the forehead) with a ruby.
12. Two cradles with rubies.
13. One small child (image) with rubies.
14. One head with emerald.
15. One 'Voovanaligay' (tongue).
16. Three heads with rubies and emeralds.
17. One pair of feet with rubies.
18. One 'guntoo' do
19. Twenty-nine (29) small diamonds.
20. Forty-five (45) small pearls.
21. Four hundred and fifty (450) small rubies.
22. Four pairs of hands with rubies.
23. Four do feet do
24. One head with emeralds.
25. One cradle with emeralds and rubies.
26. Five 'Godhi nama' with emeralds.
27. Five 'Thilakas' (ornaments for the forehead) with rubies.
28. Four pairs of eyes with red blue stones.
29. Five heads with rubies and diamonds.
30. Seven small diamonds and 12 small pearls (received from Ambavilas).
31. One inferior pearl and coral (received from 'Jiuisi').
32. One pair of Gajarays with 26 addikays having 75 diamonds and 29 rubies.
33. One pair of Balays (not completed) set with 102 diamonds and 102 rubies.
34. Received from 'Samukha Thotty' and 'Bokus' for the preparation of other jewels:—
48 diamonds of which 18 are large and 30 small, and 26 rubies.
Twelve (12) small rubies; 18 small pearls.
35. One single 'Kannanee' (eye), 80 gold rice, &c., and other miscellaneous things, all about 227 articles, weighing 27 tolas. The weight of gold alone is 14 tolas.
36. Thirty-three (33) machina kaddis (sticks of gold or silver preserved as a sample or test); 16 pairs of 'volays' (females' ear-rings); one cane with gold ferrule.
37. Gold foils or leaves weighing $4\frac{1}{2}$ tolas and foils or rubies weighing $\frac{1}{2}$ tola
38. Gold and silver flowers weighing 14 tolas.
39. Ninety-seven (97) silver articles: of which one is a badge of a peon's belt gold gilt 'chappras' 'Danada Kadaga' (braclet) 'minchoos' (rings for the 2nd toes), &c., weighing 183 tolas
weight of silver for dress, &c., weighing 18 tolas
silver foils or leaves weighing 2 tolas
Total weight 183 tolas
40. One muntloo (a churn,) one 'Mohurchal Thundu' (a handle for 'Mohurchal' a kind of brush,) one cane with silver ferrule, one silver cocoonut, one bunch of plantain fruits, &c.
41. 16 seers of gold at 24 Rs. a seer weighing 360 tolas received from Samukha Thotti Sannidhanum.
42. One pair of gold slippers (hanigay) received from Khas Zenana Sannidhanum for repair.

Krishnavilas.

One miscellaneous small gold ornament, part of No. 98 Vol. XII [one pair of Pulmada Volays (females' ear-rings ornamented with petals resembling lotus) set with rubies and diamonds.]

No value entered in Col. Elliot's accounts.

The following abstract shews at a glance how the results summarized above have been arrived at:—

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
	Value of items found missing during the examination of 1872.	Value of items shewn as presented.	Value of items shewn as used up in the preparation of other jewels.	Value of items identified before the Committee.	Value of items accounted for as per Controller's list dated, 12th July 1897.	Value of items not produced before the Committee but ascertained to be with H. H. the Maharani Regent as per Sheristadar Ramakrishnapa's list, dated 18-8-97.	Value of items not produced before the Committee but said to be with the Lady of Kaman Thotty Sannidhanum.	Value of items still remaining to be accounted for.	Total value of items comprised under each head according to Col. Elliot's Books.
	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
I General Jewellery ...	1,600 0 0	58,612 0 0	85,488 0 0	16,81,342 8 0	23,249 0 0	5,600 0 0	Nil	18,316 4 0	18,84,207 12 0
II Ramavilas Sannidhanum ...	Nil	12,825 0 0	35,845 0 0	2,92,698 0 0	9,625 0 0	6,090 0 0	Nil	5,592 0 0	3,62,675 0 0
III Sitavilas Sannidhanum ...	Nil	21,690 0 0	1,665 0 0	39,561 0 0	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	62,856 0 0
IV First Bokus Thotty Sannidhanum ...	2,030 0 0	1,720 0 0	1,330 0 0	1,27,906 0 0	5,730 0 0	Nil	Nil	800 0 0	1,39,516 0 0
V Chandravilas Sannidhanum ...	1,280 0 0	6,000 0 0	17,622 0 0	2,87,538 0 0	3,400 0 0	Nil	Nil	1,500 0 0	3,17,340 0 0
VI Second Bokus Thotty Sannidhanum ...	450 0 0	735 0 0	1,700 0 0	57,821 0 0	4,500 0 0	Nil	Nil	Nil	65,206 0 0
VII Kaman Thotty Sannidhanum ..	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	1,465 0 0	Nil	1,485 0 0
VIII Chamundy Thotty...	Nil	Nil	1,03,680 0 0	82,602 0 0	11,224 0 0	Nil	Nil	Nil	1,97,506 0 0
IX Krishnavilas Sannidhanum ..	Nil	31,595 0 0	1,450 0 0	89,321 0 0	2,000 0 0	Nil	Nil	200 0 0	1,24,566 0 0
X Manovilas Sannidhanum ...	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	870 0 0	Nil	Nil	Nil	870 0 0
Total Rs	5,360 0 0	1,33,117 0 0	2,48,780 0 0	28,68,789 8 0	60,598 0 0	11,690 0 0	1,465 0 0	26,408 4 0	31,56,227 12 0

6. Gold Coins.—The particulars of the gold coins produced before the Committee are given in their Proceedings dated 17th March 1897, under Nos. 268 and 269 (Aimbavilas). The original value, as per entries in Vol. IX of Col. Elliot's Inventory under "3 Iron Safes in Bokus Manay," is stated to be Rs. 17,694-4-0; but the Palace Controller has to furnish an account shewing how many coins out of those placed in Bokus, as per Col. Elliot's Inventory, have since been used or expended, and their value as compared with that of the coins now secured in Drawer 16 of Bureau 5, and in small bags in the sloping desk bearing Javahir Amanath Nos. 259 to 267.

7. Silver Articles.—In regard to the silver articles it may be stated that, as noted in the Committee's Proceedings of the 25th April last, the Controller was requested to identify all the articles in the various Departments under his charge and to furnish a correct list of the silver things forthcoming, also a list of those articles that were purchased and prepared subsequent to the date of Col. Elliot's Inventory. The total value of the items shewn in list, marked H, received with the Controller's letter dated 20th August 1897, is Rs. 85,785. This list does not shew separately the value of the silver things appertaining to Col. Elliot's Catalogue, and of those newly purchased. It is also incomplete as the Bukshis of Khajana, Avasarada Hobli, and Jillo Cutcherry have not yet furnished the required lists of their respective Departments. The Committee are, therefore, unable to account for the large difference (Rs. 83,824) between Col. Elliot's valuation (Rs. 1,69,609) and the valuation in H, (Rs. 85,785). It seems that a large portion of the silver jewellery was used for silver Ambhari. A detailed account has been called for.

8. Jewellery purchased subsequent to 1868.—Now turning to the jewellery (gold and javahir) not included in Col. Elliot's accounts, and purchased since, we find that according to Controller's Books *344 jewels, of the value of Rs. 12,71,230-14-3, were purchased and actually paid for up to 30th September 1896. Seven of them, valued at Rs. 9,650, were presented away; †235 jewels of the value of Rs. 11,09,379-9-10, were identified during the sittings of the Committee, leaving a balance of ‡102 items of the value of Rs. 1,52,201-4-5. With the exception of two 'Adikay Dabbies' with lids weighing 12½ tolas (Nos. 316 and 317) which are reported to be missing, and 10 items (Nos. 172, 173, 175, 177, 178, 186, 202, 203, 226 and 306) of diamonds and rubies, valued at Rs. 68,565-11-5, a portion of which has been used for the preparation of other jewels, as per Sheristadar Ramakrishnappa's patti marked No. 6AA, the remaining 90 items, valued at Rs. 83,635-9-0, are accounted for in lists marked 6A and 6C, as noted hereunder.

Vide lists Nos. 6 & 7.

† Vide list No. 7.

‡ Vide lists Nos. 6 & 6A.

	Rs.	a.	p.
20 Jewels not produced before the Committee, but ascertained to be with H. H. the Maharani Regent ...	33,075	0	0
10 Jewels in Madanavilas Bokus, for H. H. the Maharaja's use ...	1,120	8	0
45 Jewels since identified and reported by the Controller to be forthcoming ...	44,832	1	0
Total ...	79,047	9	0
Value of 6 items not yet traced ...	4,588	0	0
Total ...	83,635	9	0

The following are the 6 items which have to be accounted for :—

No.		Rs.	a.	p.
52.	One moogu bottu [containing 1 brilliant and 1 brilliant drop]. (Gopinath Tawker)	425	0	0
72.	One kantasara, (Marks & Co.), ...	£8	0	0
88.	One emerald addikay set with 37 cut-emeralds, 9 brilliants, 1 ruby and 7 false pearls (Tawker)	3,000	0	0
256.	One ring set with 14 small diamonds (brilliants) and 1 goma- dhikha in the middle	250	0	0
290	One ring set with 10 small brilliants, and 5 cut rubies (Sunder- lala)	550	0	0
291	One ring set with 10 brilliants and 5 cut rubies (smaller ones) Sunderlala	275	0	0
Total ...		4,588	0	0

9. Jewels prepared or altered subsequent to 1868.—Jewels were newly prepared not only out of those included in Col. Elliot's accounts, but also out of those received by purchase and presentation. The value of jewels thus used for the preparation of new jewels or alteration of those in stock was, as already stated, Rs. 2,48,780*. Out of 235 jewels shewn in Controller's lists as prepared, 61 were identified during the sittings of the Committee, 77 have been identified since by the Controller, 32 ascertained to be with H. H. the Maharani-Regent, 8 are reported to have been presented, and the remaining 57 jewels are thus accounted for by the Controller in his ‡ list dated 12th July 1897.

* Jewels ...	Rs.
Amblari & Cradle ...	1,45,100
Total ...	2,48,780

[For further particulars vide lists of Chamundy Thoty marked Nos. 12 and 13].

† Nos. 8 and 9.

Vide list No. 9 B.

‡ No. 9.

9 items used for the preparation of other jewels.

5 items burnt during the Palace Fire.

11 items erroneously included *twice* in the Controller's lists.

4 items used up for miscellaneous purposes.

5 items of Col. Elliot's Inventory altered and put back in their original places.

3 items said to have been given to Sivavilas Sannidhanam not forthcoming.

2 items since identified (Nos. 209 and 210).

The 18 items not yet found are hereunder specified :—

No.	
25.	One out of two ruby rings set with one ruby each.
26.	One diamond ring with 2 rubies.
41.	One Aralalay wg. Rs. 2 and 4½ f.
66.	One pair pounchi.
89.	One pair pearl ear-rings.
96.	One Thayithi for enclosing yenthra.
123.	One pair Kalandigay wg. 11½ Rs.
128.	One pair gold Kalandigay wg. 10-3¼ Varaha.
130.	One pair gold kalandigay wt. V. 10—3½.
134.	One 'Dwisarpawarthada kappa wg. 16—1½ varaha.
152.	One pair of ear-rings which may be used as Hattakadaku or as volay.
171.	One gold Krishna Vighraha wg. Rs. 16½—1½.
187.	One pair balays with 102 diamonds and 102 rubies wg. 24 V 3¼ F.
198.	One pair gold volays with chain wg. 3½ Rs. 4¼ F.
200.	One pair gold minchoos wg. 4 Rs. ¼ F.
202.	One pair pearl vantees 2 Rs. 7¼ F.
203.	Two ooroot rings 3¼ Rs. 3½ F.
204.	One pair toe minchoos 4¼ Rs. 7 F.

The above are probably mixed up with the jewels in amanath now in the sloping desk; and a further careful examination by the Controller might lead to the identification of some of these jewels if not all;

There are several inaccuracies and omissions in the "Preparation" lists furnished by the Controller. No value is entered against several of the items, nor are any particulars given as to the number of gems, and quantity of gold &c., used, or the cost incurred in altering or preparing a jewel. In the absence of such information, it is not possible to state the value of the jewels shewn, in lists Nos. 7 and 8, as missing or presented. It may, however, be stated that 191 items, valued at Rs. 2,48,780, out of Col. Elliot's Inventory, and 10 items of precious stones, valued at Rs. 68,565-11-5, were used for the preparation of other jewels; so that the total value of prepared jewels may be roughly put down at about four lacs of rupees.

10. Jewels received in presentation subsequent to 1868.—The lists of jewels received in presentation are also imperfect. There is no value given for many of them. Out of 235* shewn as received 1 was returned, and 34 were presented, leaving 200 in stock. Of these 131† were identified during the sittings of the Committee, and the remaining 69‡ jewels are thus accounted for by the Controller:—

Vide lists No. 10 and 11.

† *Vide* list No. 10.

‡ *Vide* list No. 11.

20 items identified out of Ambavilas, Javahirkhana and Sannidhanum Amanath jewels.

2 items used for the preparation of other jewels.

1 item already included as No. 233 in list No. 10, erroneously entered again in list No. 11.

1 item No. 9, Diamond ring, said to have been given to Sitavilas Sannidhanum, and found missing after Her Highness' death.

The remaining 45 items have not been accounted for; and particulars for the same are given here below:—

	No.	Rs.
Presented by Lord Lytton to Ramavilas Sannidhanum	7. One ring open set with a brilliant	..value not quoted.
Presented by Gopalraj Urs during the Namakaranam of Princess Jayalakshammamanniavaru.	17. One ring of the pattern "Turuve" flower set with 9 diamonds	do
Presented by Subramanilaraj Urs	22. One ring set with a diamond	do
Presented by Dewan to the present Maharaja during Namakaranam ceremony.	34. One Padaka with Tiger's claws set with 11 diamonds, 2 emeralds, 8 rubies, 5 pearls, and 1 emerald drop; and 3 ladeses of pearls containing 150 pearls at 50 each.	1,600
Presented by Subramanilaraj Urs	38. One Padaka set with 20 diamonds 8 rubies, 1 cut-emerald in the middle, and 1 pearl drop and 3 ladeses of 161 pearls	500
Do	39. One ring of the pattern "Turuve" flower set with 8 diamonds and 1 brilliant	100
Presented by Turuvekere Urs	44. One Padaka set with 9 rubies, 1 diamond, 1 emerald drop, and also 3 ladeses containing 180 pearls at 40 each	600
Presented by Sringeri Guru	46. One emerald "Neelada Chowki" ring	80
Presented by Coffee Planters	50. One Thuroyi consisting of 7 gold rods, and set with 32 rubies and 7 pearls	..value not quoted.
Presented by Dewan to Princess Cheluvaji Azamani during Namakaranam ceremony.	51. One ring set with 1 ruby and 2 diamonds.	do
Presented by Dewan during Princess	52. One small diamond ring	do
Presented by Turuvekere Urs	54. One diamond ring	do
Presented by Maharaja Gaekwar to H. H. the late Maharaja February 1885.	56. One Thuroyi set with 68 diamonds 10 emeralds, and 2 emerald beads	800
Presented by Maharaja of Jhodpur (said to be kept in Treasury).	61 and 61 A. One set of articles belonging to a pony	..value not quoted.
Presented during Namakaranam ceremony of Prince Narasaj Wodayar.	66. A Padaka of 3 rows set with 180 pearls, 9 diamonds and 1 emerald drop	do
Do	67. One square diamond ring of 9 flat diamonds	do
by Deva Partivaraj		

Presented during Namakaranam ceremony of Prince Narsaraj Wodayar by Devapartivaraj ...				No. 68.	One pair "Vaku" set with 119 pearls ... value not quoted.	
Do	do	do	...	69.	One pair gold "Kalandigay" wt. not given ...	do
Do	do	by Gopalraj Urs	...	70.	One pair "Vaku" set with 108 pearls and 4 rubies ...	do
Presented during Namakaranam of Prince Raja Wodayar 19th July 1890 by Sri Parakalaswami.				79.	One ring set with 1 diamond in the middle and 8 rubies round it ...	do
Do	do	by Subramanyaraj Urs	...	81.	One pair 'Vaku' set with pearls 63-66, and 4 rubies ...	do
Do	do	by Gopalraj Urs	...	83.	One pair 'Vaku' set with 100 pearls and 4 rubies ...	100
Do	do	by Kantharaj Urs	...	86.	One ring set with 1 brilliant ...	70
Do	do	do	...	87.	One 'Chanda Mavoo' of two strings set with 241 pearls and 8 diamonds ...	250
Do	do	by Devapartivaraj Bahadur	...	88.	One ring set with brilliant ...	.. value not quoted.
Do	do	do	...	89.	One pair 'vaku' pearls 41-45 ...	82
Do	do	do	...	90.	One pair gold kalandigay ...	...value not quoted.
Presented by Government of India to Her Highness the Maharani 28th November 1893.				113.	One 'Crown of India' Insignia ...	...value not quoted, with Her Highness.
Presented during marriage of 2nd Princess by Dewan April 1896.				130.	One brilliant ring ...	1,200
Do	do	by Bukshi Bassappaji Urs.	...	138.	One diamond ring ...	350
Do	do	by Sringeri mutt	...	141.	One ring ...	430
Presented during Upanayanam of H. H. the present Maharaja in April 1896 by Cutch Behar Deputation.				153.	One star ...	3,000 with Her Highness.
Do	do	do	...	154.	One ring ...	2,000
Do	do	Maharaja Morvi	...	159.	One ring ...	600
Do	do	Gayavali Chota Lal	...	161.	One diamond necklace ...	800
Do	do	do	...	163.	One ring ...	100
Do	do	do	...	164.	One gold janivara ...	250
Do	do	Subramanyaraj Urs' house	...	170.	One pendant ...	460
Do	do	Bukshi Bassappaji Urs	...	172.	One ring ...	500
Presented by Surendra Nath of Calcutta, April 1896				181 & 182.	Two sets of 'pan-dan' ...	208
Do	by Dewan during marriage of 1st Princess, February 1897.			207.	One Addikay of single row of diamonds ...	value not quoted
Do	by Sringeriswami	do	do	224.	One Addikay set with 24 emeralds 3 diamonds, 9 rubies, and 7 pearls ...	do
Do	do	do	do	225.	One Makarakunter set with 16 emeralds, 51 diamonds, 62 rubies, 211 pearls, and 1 emerald bead.	do
Do	do	do	do	227.	One Sirpesh' with 15 emeralds, 14 diamonds and 20 rubies ...	200
Do	do	do	do	228.	One 'Thuroyi' with 20 emeralds, 42 diamonds, 18 rubies and 1 pearl ...	400

There are several rings and miscellaneous jewels in amanath in the sloping desk not yet identified, of which two lists marked 12 E and 13 F are annexed. Their approximate value, Rs. 35,455, nearly covers the value of the items referred to in paras 5, 9 and 10, and shewn as wanting, or remaining to be accounted for. There are also besides 80 jewels out of "Sannidhanum amanath jewels" not yet identified. *Vide* list No. 14. It may here be noted that some of these unidentified jewels are portions of other jewels.

11. Aggregate value of jewels forthcoming and to be accounted for.—To sum up briefly, the approximate value of the various items of jewellery, gold articles and gold coins, referred to in this report as forthcoming, and to be accounted for, amounts to a little over 43½ lacs of rupees, besides the value of jewels received

					Rs.	a. p.
1316 items of Col. Elliot's Inventory (<i>vide</i> para 5)	...	...	...	...	27,68,970	8 0
Gold coins (para 6)	...	...	...	...	17,894	4 0

Rs.	a.	p.
27,68,970	8	0
17,694	4	0
27,86,664	12	0*

I.	Value of 325 jewels purchased (para 8) ...	...	11,93,015	2 10
II.	181 Jewels prepared (para 9) estimated value or cost about ...	...	4,00,000	0 0
III.	Value of 196 jewels received in presentation (para 10)	...	Value not yet ascertained. Controller has been written to.	

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I. Whenever articles required for use on festival and other occasions are taken out of the jewel room and sent to the Zenana Department they be accompanied by a patti in duplicate, giving a description of the jewels as entered in the Issue Book, and that the original patti be forthwith acknowledged and returned to the Jewel Department by some responsible *Officer of the Zenana Department, retaining the duplicate or copy for reference and record.

II. Similarly, whenever jewels are returned by the Zenana Department, to the Jewel Department, a patti thereof be sent to the latter for acknowledgment and return. The patties so returned should be regularly filed in a File-book to be kept in the Zenana Department.

III. Jewels in current use and kept in the Zenana Department be recorded in a book to be kept for the purpose, additions made from time to time being entered in it *daily*, noting also the return of any jewels to the Javahirkhana.

IV. Jewels purchased, or received as presents, be carefully described in their respective Registers kept in the Jewel Department, and the number of precious stones and pearls, &c., on each jewel be accurately counted and recorded, together with the valuation fixed, and that gold and silver articles be weighed and their ascertained value recorded.

- V. Whenever a jewel in stock is used for the manufacture of a new jewel, an account be kept showing its original number, the weight of the gold, the number of precious stones, &c., on it, and its valuation as already recorded, and the subsequent additions, if any, together with the cost of preparation.
- VI. A similar account be kept of jewels altered, repaired or re-set.
- VII. All entries that appear in the Treasury and Juma-kurch Day Books, relating to jewels purchased, presented, prepared, altered, or repaired, be posted up daily in the proper Registers, and the Ledger, kept as a reference book to take out any jewels from the bureaux or boxes in Jewel Room, be also written up to date.
- VIII. The Controller be required to examine daily all the accounts kept in the Jewel Department, and to initial them in token of their correctness, any alterations or interlineations being also attested with his initials.
- IX. A general catalogue, in duplicate, of all jewels be prepared and maintained under the seal and signature of the Controller, arranged in the following order :—
- A. Old jewels as per Colonel Elliot's Inventory.
 - B. Jewels received in presentation.
 - C. Jewels purchased.
 - D. Jewels newly prepared.
 - E. Jewels altered, repaired or re-set.
- X. An assortment be made of the Mardana and Zenana jewels, separately classified under each of the following heads :—
- | | |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------|
| Head ornaments, | Waist belts &c. |
| Ear ornaments, | Wristlets. |
| Nose ornaments. | Anklets, |
| Necklaces, | Leg ornaments, |
| Armlets, | Miscellaneous, such as rings &c., &c. |
| Bracelets. | |
- XI. An inspection and examination be made of the jewels half yearly by the Controller, and yearly by a Committee of officers specially selected for the purpose, and the valuation of the jewels be checked and revised at least once in three years.
- XII. As many of the old jewels are unfit to be worn, being out of fashion, and, for want of use, are getting spoilt and the pearls especially are deteriorating, they be utilized for the preparation of new jewels under proper supervision and control.

XIII. The Jewel Room be rendered fire-proof, and sufficiently ventilated for the better preservation of the jewels which may be exposed to public view, and secured in receptacles specially designed for the purpose.

13. Conclusion.—The examination of the jewels, which has given the Committee the greatest anxiety, having been brought to a close with the results summarized above, the Committee beg to acknowledge with thanks the valuable assistance and suggestions they received from the Dewan at the preliminary stage of their proceedings.

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